

REFERENCE TITLE: **training program at Coolidge; closure**

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Representative McComish

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 36, CHAPTER 5.1, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 36-567; RELATING TO DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Title 36, chapter 5.1, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes,
3 is amended by adding section 36-567, to read:

4 36-567. Client services fund

5 A. THE CLIENT SERVICES FUND IS ESTABLISHED CONSISTING OF MONIES
6 RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT FROM THE SALE OR LEASE OF LAND, EQUIPMENT AND
7 FURNISHINGS OF THE ARIZONA TRAINING PROGRAM AT COOLIDGE. THE DEPARTMENT
8 SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEPOSIT TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT
9 OF THE MONIES RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN THE CLIENT SERVICES FUND AND THE
10 REMAINING SEVENTY-FIVE PER CENT IN THE STATE GENERAL FUND. MONIES IN THE
11 FUND ARE CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED.

12 B. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL USE MONIES IN THE FUND TO INCREASE AND NOT
13 SUPPLANT MONIES USED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR CLIENT SERVICES FOR STATE-ONLY
14 DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED CLIENTS. EACH FISCAL YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
15 CONSULT WITH THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADVISORY COUNCIL REGARDING THE
16 PROPOSED USE OF FUND MONIES.

17 Sec. 2. Arizona training program at Coolidge; closure;
18 notification; job assistance; sale or lease of
19 property

20 A. The department of economic security shall close the Arizona
21 training program at Coolidge within eighteen months after the effective date
22 of this act. The department shall submit a closure plan and budget to the
23 joint legislative budget committee for review before January 1, 2009. The
24 department shall submit a copy of the closure plan and budget to the
25 governor, the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of
26 the senate.

27 B. Before it submits the closure plan and budget to the joint
28 legislative budget committee, the department of economic security shall send
29 to each of the training program's clients and to each client's legal guardian
30 a written notice of the closure and of the client's and guardian's
31 opportunity to indicate the client's or guardian's preference regarding the
32 county in which the client will reside, which organization will provide
33 residential and day program services to the client and which services in
34 addition to the residential and day program services will be provided after
35 the closure. The department shall conduct one or more meetings at which the
36 department will provide each client and each client's legal guardian with a
37 list of available community settings and in-home services. The department
38 shall conduct an individual service plan meeting for each client to make the
39 final decision on the organization that will provide the client residential
40 and day program services and which additional services will be provided.

41 C. Subsection B does not apply to a client whose medical problems
42 require care in an existing intermediate care facility for clients with
43 cognitive disability that specializes in the care of medically fragile
44 developmentally disabled individuals.

1 D. The closure budget required pursuant to subsection A shall include
2 the plan and related funds for the transition of clients from the Arizona
3 training program in Coolidge to community based settings as well as the
4 start-up costs necessary for the residential services that will be provided.

5 E. The department of administration shall assist the department of
6 economic security in finding new jobs for employees when the Arizona training
7 program in Coolidge closes. Whenever possible, employees shall be offered
8 the opportunity of employment in existing state operated residential settings
9 for the developmentally disabled, new state operated and vendor operated
10 residential settings and related day programs and employment in other state
11 agencies.

12 F. The state land department shall retain an appraiser to determine
13 the fair market value of the Arizona training program at Coolidge, including
14 land, equipment and furnishings. The state land department shall contact the
15 town of Coolidge to annex the land to the town, if possible. The state land
16 department may sell or lease the land, equipment and furnishings separately
17 or together. The joint committee on capital review shall review the sale or
18 lease of the land, equipment and furnishings before any sale is final.